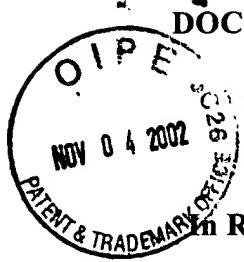


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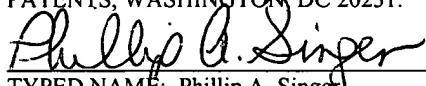
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is:

- : A Preliminary Amendment.
- An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 7, 2002 (Paper No. 13), and Responsive to the Advisory Action dated August 7, 2002 (Paper No. 15).
- : An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- Other: Request for Continuing Examination
- Applicant(s) has previously claimed small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27.
- : Applicant(s) by its/their undersigned attorney, claims small entity status under 37 CFR §1.27 as:

: an Independent Inventor

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: This application is no longer entitled to small entity status. It is requested that this be noted in the files of the Patent and Trademark Office.

: Substitute Pages _____ of the Specification are enclosed.

: An Abstract is enclosed.

: _____ Sheets of Proposed Corrected Drawings are enclosed.

: A Certified Copy of each of the following applications:
is enclosed.

: An Associate Power of Attorney is enclosed.

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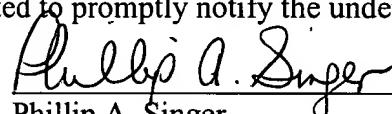
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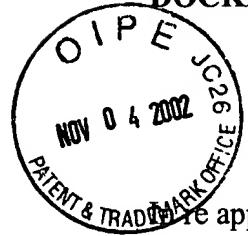


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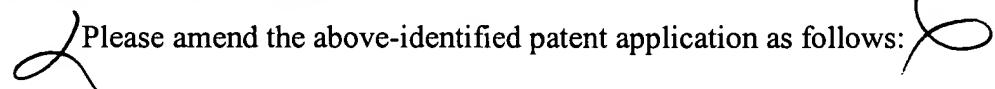
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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Advisory Action dated August 7, 2002 (Paper No. 15), and in response to Final Office Action dated May 7, 2002 (Paper No. 13). Applicants timely file a Request for Continuing Examination with this amendment/response. A petition for extension of time for three (3) months through November 7, 2002, and the appropriate fee accompany this response. It is requested that this amendment be entered in order to clarify and simplify the issues on appeal.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: